

By the Commissioners for Government and Management of Affairs in Ireland.

Hereas the Lords of his Majesties most honourable Privy Council by their Letters unto us, have signified that preparation would be made for the holding of a Parliament in this Kingdom with as much speed as is possible, as the most comprehensive expedient to make provision for the Army here, by the free and voluntary grant of his good Subjects: and to set in order this Kingdom which a long and bloody VV ar followed with variety of usurpations and

oppressions had almost reduced to ruin, and that then there will be consideration had of the best ways for setling and regulating the Excise and Customs in this Kingdom, and in the mean while that the Excise and Customs (which are so absolutely necessary for the support of the Army) may not impair, It is his Majesties pleasure, and so expresly declared by the faid Letters, that the faid Excise and Customs shall be leavyed according to the former rates till (after the meeting of the Parliament, or the arrival of the Lord Deputy and Council here) other Order shall be taken therein. VVe therefore in humble obedience to his Majesties said pleasure, do hereby signify, declare and publish the same, and that his Majesty expects from all persons concerned therein all due conformity to the payment of the said Excise and Customs in manner aforesaid, and the rather considering that a great part of the payment of the Army kept here for preserving the Peace and tranquility of the Nation depends upon the monies arising thereby, which if not readily payd to answer that necessary charge depending thereupon, the Army will be unavoidably forced to free quarter, which his Majesty in his great care and tenderness of his people is desirous to avoid by all just and honourable means. And as we do thus declare and publish his Majesties pleasure, so we doubt not that all persons concerned in the payment of the said Excise and Customs (in gratitude to his Majestie for his Royal care and tenderness of them, and in wisdom to themselves, and in prevention of the great burden and dammage which otherwise may follow to themselves and to the Kingdom in General, by the Souldiers being necessitioned to free quarter, will readily and cheerfully so answer his Majesties expectation in the payment of the said Excise and Customs to the Officers hitherto by us imployed in the receipt thereof, as we may have cause to represent it to his Majesty for their advantage, as that which his Majesty will take in good part at their hands, and retein a gracious memory thereof for their comfort and benefit in due time. Dated at Dublin the 24 day of September 1660. GOD SAVE THE KING.

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